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Book List for Home Reading



Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade Home Reading

This brochure lists titles of books that your fifth grader will enjoy. They were jointly selected by librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and by the Long Beach Unified School District teachers and librarians because they are particularly interesting and engaging for fifth grade-age children.

Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. Recreational reading should be a pleasant experience!

You will find that many of these authors have written more than one book. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed in the brochure. Please do! Your child's teacher, as well as the librarian at your school and at the public library, will be happy to help you find more books by these authors.

Some of these books are available from your school library, and you will find others at public libraries. A list of local public libraries is included on this brochure; call to find out the hours they are open. If you don't have a public library card, you can get one at no cost when you visit any library branch. Just bring identification with you that shows your current address.

Books make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays, too. Consider buying your child a favorite title to keep. Local bookstores have children's sections which stock many of the books listed as well as others by the same authors. Helping children to start their personal libraries helps them to become readers as well.

Children learn to read well when the school, home, and community work together to make books important parts of their lives. Please use this brochure as a resource for book titles and places to find them. And, please, read aloud to your child every day. It really does make a difference!

Book List

Fiction and Folktales

Avi	The Good Dog
Birdsall, Jeanne	The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy
Buckley, Michael	NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society (NERDS series)
Cleary, Beverly	Dear Mr. Henshaw
Clements, Andrew	The School Story
Cottrell Boyce, Frank	Cosmic
Creech, Sharon	Ruby Holler
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963: A Novel
Cushman, Karen	The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
DiCamillo, Kate	The Magician's Elephant
DiTerlizzi, Tony	The Search for WondLa
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Running Out of Time
Haddon, Mark	Boom!
Hesse, Karen	Music of Dolphins
Hunter, Erin	Into the Wild (Warriors series)
Konigsburg, E. L.	From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Krieg, Jim	Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol
Lester, Julius	John Henry
Lin, Grace	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars
Martin, Ann M.	A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray
Moss, Marissa	Rachel's Journal: The Story of a Pioneer Girl
Nimmo, Jenny	Midnight for Charlie Bone (Children of the Red King series)
Paulsen, Gary	Masters of Disaster
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon

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Sachar, Louis	Holes
San Souci, Robert D.	Haunted Houses
Scieszka, Jon	Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables
Selfors, Suzanne	Smells Like Dog
Speare, Elizabeth George	The Sign of the Beaver
Stewart, Trenton Lee	The Mysterious Benedict Society
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Widow's Broom
Vanderpool, Clare	Moon over Manifest

Non-Fiction/Informational Text

Bridges, Ruby	Through My Eyes
Fleischman, Sid	Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini
Krull, Kathleen	Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought)
McKissack, Pat	Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?
Nelson, Kadir	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
O'Connor, George	Zeus: King of the Gods
Prelutsky, Jack	Something Big Has Been Here
Tang, Greg	Grapes of Math: Mind Stretching Math Riddles